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NOTICE

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
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IN CHINA will be held in the Society's
Meeting Rooms, AMHERST, Canton,
on THURSDAY, January 17, at 3 p.m.
Business:—Election of Officers, bearing
Receipts of Reports, &c. A full atten-
dance of Members is requested.
R. H. GRAVES, President.
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Canton, January 10, 1907. 74

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MAGISTRACY.

A MEETING OF HIS MAJESTY'S
JUSTICES OF THE PEACE will be
held at the Magistracy, at 2.15 p.m., on
TUESDAY, the 22nd January, 1907, for
the purpose of considering the following
application under the Liquor Licences Or-
dinance, 1898, viz.:—
From one PARMON ROBERTS for an
adjunct licence to sell by retail in-
toxicating liquors on premises num-
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C. D. MELOURNE,
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December 10, 1906.
(1) The Bureau of Navigation, Philip-
pine Government, offers for sale at
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(a) The steam launch *SLADE*, a sea-going
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engine and is in first-class condition, with
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attached. Has a boiler of Scotch type,
diameter 6 feet 6 inches by 8 feet 8 inches,
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deterioration. This launch throughout is
in excellent condition and is ready to be
put into commission at once.

(b) The steam launch *JOLO*, a sea-going
launch 65 feet in length over all, beam 11
feet 4 inches, depth moulded 6 feet 8
inches, draft 5 feet, built in 1899. Has
compound surface-condensing engine in
good order and a boiler of the Scotch type
in fair condition. All fittings in engine
room are in good condition. This launch
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and harbor launch 65 feet 7 inches in
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(3) These vessels may be inspected at
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PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from THE HARBOR MASTER, to sell by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY, the 17th January, 1907, at Noon, on the BOARD,--

The Steam Launch **YU T SUM**, as she now lies in CAUSEWAY BAY,--

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YAGUT INDIANS ON WAR-PAATH.

San Francisco, December 28. The Yagut Indians are on the war-path in Mexico, and are gathering in the mountains all the Mexicans and Americans settled in the district.

A large force of Mexican troops have been despatched to the scene of the outbreak.

EARTHQUAKE VISITS CHILE AND PERU.

San Francisco, December 28. Chile has been visited by another terrible earthquake, while one of Peru's principal seaports is laid in ruins.

Violent shocks of long duration were first felt throughout the Province of Tacna, and considerable damage done, but Ayacucho, the capital of the province of that name, escaped the worst shocks in its history.

The whole town of Ayacucho is completely prostrated, hundreds of its unfortunate inhabitants losing their lives in the demolished buildings, fire finishing the work of destruction.

It is impossible at present to tell of the number of lives lost, but several hundred are known to have perished, while many are reported missing.

The terror-stricken inhabitants of Ayacucho, who survived the terrible catastrophe, are homeless.

SERBIANS DISSATISFIED WITH KING.

San Francisco, December 28. The Serbians have become greatly dissatisfied with their King, and it is feared that an upheaval is close at hand.

(FROM JAPAN ADVERTISER.)

RUSSIA'S NAVAL SCANDAL.

San Francisco, December 29. The Russian Naval authorities are considerably alarmed over the growing agitation calling for a searching investigation and inquiry into the Naval scandal.

It is now openly asserted by those in a position to know, that several high officials have made a "fall" at the expense of the country.

Funds that were appropriated for new vessels were frittered away in tinkering plans and patching up old hulks, as a result of which, those who are agitating assert, the prowess of Russia's Navy ended in myth before the well constructed, modern vessels of the Japanese.

The Tsar himself is personally in favour of the proposed investigation despite the fact that some of the Grand Dukes are mixed up in the scandal.

GOVERNOR OF OSEL ASSASSINATED.

San Francisco, Dec. 29. The Governor of Osel was foully assassinated yesterday, the assassin firing at the official as he went to his office (Osel for Oesel is an island in the Baltic Sea, belonging to the government of Livonia, Russia. Its capital is Arensburg. It has an area of 1,010 square miles with a population of 55,000. Osel formerly belonged to the Teutonic Knights. It then passed to Denmark, later to Sweden, in 1645 and finally to Russia in 1721.)

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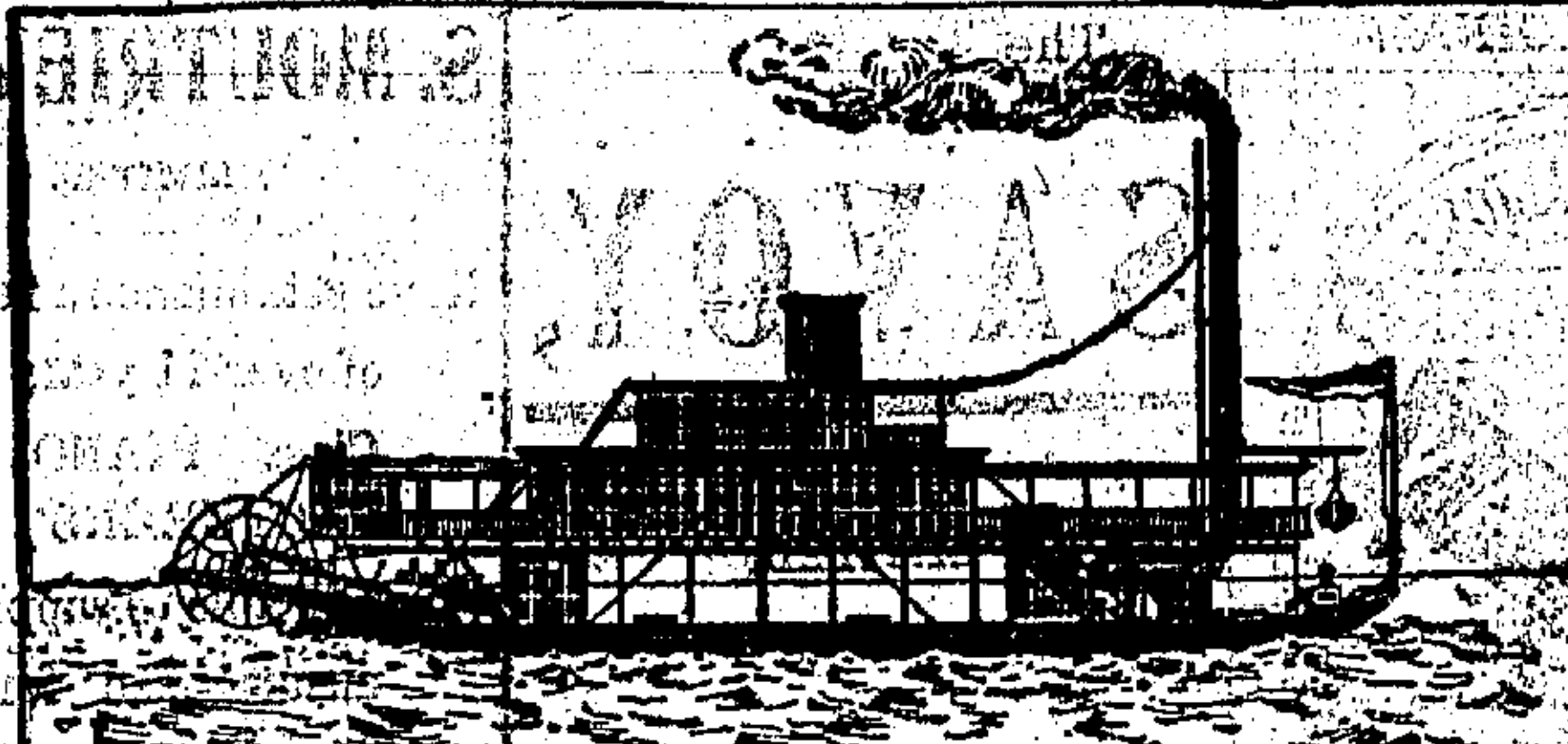
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<p>TO LET.</p> <p>A HOUSE IN KNOTSFORD TERRACE, KOWLOON. Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., Ltd. Hongkong, August 1, 1906. 20</p>	<p>TO LET.</p> <p>THE PREMISES known as No. 109, WANCHAI ROAD, now occupied by Messrs. MACDONALD & CO.'s Engineering Works. Possession, 1st February, 1907. Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., Ltd. Hongkong, January 4, 1907. 38</p>	<p>TO LET—FURNISHED.</p> <p>FROM the 2nd week in April next 'JAN MOR' PEAK ROAD, Six good Rooms, 3 Bath Rooms, Drying and Store Rooms, guest tennis court. Moderate rental to good tenant. Apply to HUMPHREYS' ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LTD. Hongkong, December 18, 1906. 2417</p>
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<p>TO LET.</p> <p>A HOUSE IN WONG NEI CHONG ROAD. OFFICES IN KING'S BUILDING and YORK BUILDING. GARDENS ON PRATA EAST. A HOUSE IN RIFON TERRACE, PLATS IN MONTEY TERRACE. Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., Ltd. Hongkong, December 11, 1906. 24</p>	<p>TO LET.</p> <p>NO. 4, CONDUT ROAD, 5 Rooms with Photographers' Dark Room. Newly done up, healthy locality. Fine View of the Harbour, with immediate possession.</p> <p>'NORMAN COTTAGE,' West Point Road, 6 ROOMS, fully furnished, 3 Bath-rooms. Possession from 1st December, 1906. Apply to PERCY SMITH & SETH, Accountants, Auditors, &c., 5, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. Hongkong, December 18, 1906. 21</p>	<p>TO LET—(WELL FURNISHED).</p> <p>BIRNAN BRAD CONDUT ROAD. 11 ROOMED HOUSE—Billiard Room, Drying Room, Store-room and Pantry—Good Tennis Lawn, Electric Light and Bells and a Telephone. For 6 or 9 months, from 1st April. Apply to 'G. M. H.' Care of 'CHINA MAIL' Office. Hongkong, January 4, 1907. 39</p>

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MEMOR. FOR TO-MORROW.

Miscellaneous.

Goods per Joss not cleared at 4 p.m.
on this date subject to rent.

MEMOR. FOR MONDAY.

Meeting.

6.30 p.m.—Meeting of Ethen Mark
Lodge.

Amusements.

9 p.m.—Performance at City Hall.

Miscellaneous.

Goods per Cooten unloaded after this
date at Noon will be subject to rent
and landing charges.

Goods per China unloaded after noon
p.m. this date will be landed.

General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, January 16:—

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Silver & Ivory
Ware, at No. 4, Queen's Road Central.
Goods per *Aradon* not cleared at 4 p.m.
on this date subject to rent.

THURSDAY, January 17:—

Noon—Auction of Steam Launch *Fut
Sum*, on Board.

3 p.m.—Auction of Booths & Mats held
at the Race Course.

3 p.m.—Meeting of Medical Missionary
Society in China, at the Society's
Medical College, Canton.

FRIDAY, January 18:—

9.15 p.m.—Hongkong Philharmonic So-
ciety's Concert, at City Hall.

Register of Shares of Hongkong Reclama-
tion Co., Ltd., Close from this date to
28th Jan., inclusive.

SATURDAY, January 19:—

11 a.m.—Auction of Revenue Schooner
Peng Tai at Messrs Hughes & Hoogh's
Sales Rooms.

TUESDAY, January 22:—

2.15 p.m.—Meeting of His Majesty's
Justices of Peace at Magistrate's.

WEDNESDAY, January 23:—

3 p.m.—Auction of Surveying Vessel
Rambler on Board.

Transfer Books of China Provident Loan
and Mortgage Co., Ltd., close from this
date to 28th January inclusive.

SATURDAY, January 26:—

11.30 a.m.—Meeting of China Provident
Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd., at Co.'s
Office.

Noon—Meeting of Hongkong Land Re-
clamation Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 1907.

THE CIVIL SERVICE LIST.

The Hongkong Civil Service List for
1907 has been issued, and as usual the
publication is characterised by its ex-
cellent get-up and the fulness of its
information. Probably the portion of
the work which will excite most in-
terest is that which gives the record
of the public services of officers and
incidentally, their stipends. It would
be a task of some magnitude to dissect
these pages and find definitely how
many civil servants are paid on a star-
ling basis. A glance through the sec-
tion shows, however, that a very large
proportion of the men in Government
employment are paid on that basis and
that, with few exceptions, it is the men
who are in receipt of the large salaries
who are paid in dollars. This means, of
course, that the incidence of the high
exchange is bearing most heavily upon
those who are least well equipped to
bear it. No doubt it was considera-
tion of this fact which induced His
Excellency to attempt to move the
Colonial Office to make some temporary
provision to relieve the lower grade
civil servants of the burden under
which they suffer. We recommend
anyone who may have thought that we
have been labouring these grievances
to study this section of the List. They
will be compelled to admit that, in
many cases, a living wage is not being
paid and that there is justification for
a continuance of the agitation. The
other portions of the book are mainly
of interest to those in the employment
of the Government, but a perusal of the
conditions of service would repay any-
one who wishes to have definite
knowledge of the prospects which lie
before men who serve His Majesty in
a civil capacity in Hongkong. To be
perfectly frank it is a surprise to us
that we have such an efficient body of
public servants considering the nature
of the inducements offered. The prospect
of a pension after twenty years' service
does not, in our opinion, compensate
for the evident and present disadvan-
tages which employment by the Go-
vernment presents in comparison with
private employment. If conditions
remain as they are the Government
will have to increase the attractiveness
of the service or they will find that

they will not be able to induce men
of the class now in the service to qualify.
Matters of this nature should be de-
cided by the Governor-in-Council in
each Crown Colony. The Colonial
Office has neither the ability nor, it is
to be feared, the desire to give the at-
tention they deserve to such matters.

ENGLAND'S ELEVENTH HOUR.

Under this heading a writer in a recent
Literary Digest (New York) tilts gently
at the British pessimist who is always
declaring that the Empire is rapidly
going to the dogs. An article by Mr.
J. E. Barker in the *Nineteenth Century*
and *After* is referred to as a good
example of the depressing jeremiad
which a certain class of patriot is fond
of publishing. Mr. Barker declares that
the Empire is rapidly going down-hill.
It is following the example of all world
powers of the past. While the United
States and Germany are advancing with
rapid strides in the path of warlike
strength and commercial and industrial
prosperity Great Britain "is being
ruined by free trade, agricultural failure
and decrease in warlike activity." We
confess that such bunkum as this irri-
tates us to such a degree that we find
it difficult to calmly and dispassionately
point out the fallacy of the reasoning,
or rather of the statements. The
natural inference from the portion of
Mr. Barker's article that we quote is
that an increase in warlike activity
presupposes progress. If this be so the
Balkans must be the most advanced and
prosperous portion of the world, as the
warlike activity there is invariably
feverish. Of course Mr. Barker does
not mean his words to be taken literally.
He is a frantic protectionist and protec-
tionists realise that the only possible
hope they have of perverting the fiscal
faith of Great Britain is to terrify the
country into believing that it is on the
downgrade and that nothing can save it
but taxing its food and everything else it
uses. These Cassandra-like wails of the
decay of the Empire, this talk of "rapidly
ebbing national strength," and all the
rest of the stock phrases which are shriek-
ed into unhappy John Bull's ears are
beginning to become wearisome. Proofs
of decadence are never given, the proph-
ets of evil content themselves with
gloomy prognostications and turn a
blind eye to the annual shipping and
commercial returns. Any advance
made by our rivals is delightedly seized
upon as a proof that the Britisher is
done, that his day is over. Even Mr.
Chamberlain, for whom everyone who
has a genuine love for the Motherland
must feel a deep respect, was forced by
circumstances to endeavour to represent
Great Britain's condition as being im-
perilled by her adherence to Free Trade.
The late elections showed that even his
powerful persuasion was not sufficient
to convert the clear and irrefutable
testimony of the annual trade reports.
No thinking man can deny that an
improvement in the trade relations
between Great Britain and her outlying
dominions is highly desirable and that
a change in the system of Government
which will prevent the Empire from
becoming what Mr. Barker, with as little
originality as patriotism, declares it to
be "merely a geographical expression."

A geographical expression does not
draw voluntary soldiers from Australia
and from Canada to fight in South
Africa. Mr. Barker errs, as his col-
leagues err, in painting the picture so dark
that it becomes a blur. A picture of
that kind merely arouses a doubt in the
mind of the critic whether it is intended
to be a work of art or a palette for dark
colours.

Tenders are asked in the *Government
Gazette* for the construction of a
floating fire engine of the following
dimensions:—Length, over all, 68 feet;
length of keel, 60 feet; breadth, ex-
treme, 14 feet; depth moulded, 7 feet.
It really seems, therefore, that our fire-
fighting appliances are to be augmented,
and for this much thanks will be
given. The state of our fire engines
and hose has long been a sore point,

and now that a step in the right direc-
tion has been taken it is hoped that the
Government will see to it that progress
is not stopped until a really efficient
service is organised. By the way, Mr.
Halifax, who went Home some time
ago and who was to examine a number
of systems, should soon have his report
in. Until this is received little is like-
ly to be done with the fire engine, etc.
The water difficulty has always been a
serious one but with the advent of this
second fire float sea-water may be
used.

A curious difference is that made in
local law Courts between Christian and
non-Christian Chinese and also between
the "modern" Chinaman and his more
conservative brother. If a Chinaman
does not boast modern tendencies, or
profess Christianity, he may wear his
hat, or cap, in court with impunity
but let a man wear a straw hat or any
such as affected by Westerners and off
it must come. Also if a Chinaman is a
Christian, but still wears the usual
cap, he may not keep it on his head
without the risk of incurring the wrath
of the Court, or having it removed by
the Court usher.

LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.

A coolie was sentenced to four months'
imprisonment, at the Magistrate's this
morning, for stealing a number of pine-wood
poles. The defendant engaged a fishing
boat and removed a cargo of poles from a
contractor's yard at Kowloon, and the
timber was subsequently traced by private
marks on the poles.

To Macao.

A special excursion steamer goes to
Macao to-morrow. The Hongkong, Canton
and Macao Steamboat Company are des-
patching one of their newly acquired boats,
the "Sui An," and as she is an excellent
steamer, and the weather is glorious, there
should be a big crowd of excursionists.

De Beers' Millions of Profits.

At the annual meeting of the De Beers
Consolidated Mines last month Colonel
Harris said that the year's diamonds had
realised £5,607,717, an increase of
£204,873, the net profit had amounted to
£2,103,536, an increase of £238,201, and
£1,800,000 had been distributed in di-
vidends. They had in eight ground enough
to last at the present rate of production for
eleven years, and representing an estimated
output of 484,000,000 worth of diamonds.
De Beers would be producing diamonds on
a large scale at the end of the century. A
resolution was adopted instructing the
directors to take the steps necessary to
obviate the payment of the English income-
tax on the company's profits.

The Rainfall.

The following table gives the monthly
rainfall at the Observatory to the end of
December with the means and extremes
for 20 years:—

RAINFALL AT HONGKONG OBSERVATORY.

1906 1884-1905.

Mean. Max. Min.

January 1.80 1.32 8.43 0.00

February 2.29 1.86 7.50 0.00

March 2.63 2.62 10.43 0.00

April 9.79 8.66 14.39 1.84

May 11.68 13.43 48.84 1.15

June 5.90 16.80 34.37 2.34

July 6.94 13.32 32.24 4.07

August 3.97 14.22 27.87 5.20

September 30.80 8.21 19.11 0.63

October 1.92 4.73 17.37 0.01

November 1.17 4.71 7.84 0.01

December 4.66 1.63 6.09 0.00

The year's rainfall amounts to 77.80
inches; the 20 years' average being 84.82.

AMOY RACES.

Second Day.

We are indebted to Mr. Hough, Clerk of
the Course for the Hongkong Jockey Club,
for the results of yesterday's racing at
Amoy, which are as follow:—

CHARGE CUP, 1 1/2 miles.

Mr. Wilson's Ginger.

AMOY DERBY, 1 1/2 miles.

Mr. F. B. Marshall's Discomit.

CHALLENGE CUP, 1 mile.

Mr. Wilson's Rhone.

EXCHANGE PLATE, 3 miles.

Mr. Wilson's Nimbus.

JOCKEY CUP, 2 miles.

Mr. Gordon Lyle's The Limit.

RACING STAKES, 1 1/2 miles.

Mr. Twoman's Trellis.

THE AWA CUP, 7 furlongs.

Mr. F. B. Marshall's Distress.

Willie was originally a boy who read
the story of Daniel in the lions' den, and
noticed a look of distrust on the eldest
boy's face. "What are you thinking?"
he asked.

"I'm thinking," Willie replied, with
conviction, "that that must have happened
in America."

An Express Wrecked.

The *Times* correspondent at Paris
telegraphed last month: "A serious and
extraordinary accident occurred this morn-
ing to the so-called Peninsular train
running between Paris and Marseilles. At
about 30 kilometres from Arignon, while
the train was running at a rate of 100
kilometres an hour, part of a bridge fell,
crushing the dining-car. The train im-
mediately stopped. Unfortunately four
passengers were injured, including two
Englishmen. According to the *Debut*,
the two passengers severely injured in the
accident were Mr and Mrs Robert Hume.
A Mr Crawford, of London, was slightly
injured."

BY TELEGRAPH.

RUSSIA.

MURDERS AND TREASON.

The Revolutionaries' Aim.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters.
via Bombay.)

LONDON, January 11.

The many recent murders of officials
in Russia serve to exemplify the abili-
ty of the revolutionaries to obtain
the minutest information regarding
the movements and habits of the in-
tended victim, as well as indicating
the widespread treachery which pre-
vailed in the bureaucratic camp.

General Pavloff, who was under-
stood to be the chief organiser of the
drum-head court-martials, was shot by
both revolutionaries and liberals.

The revolutionaries proclaim that
they will not rest until the last
remnant of the present regime has
been killed.

[REUTERS SERVICE.]

OBITUARY.

Queen of Hanover.

LONDON, January 10.

The death of the Queen of Hanover is
announced.

Colonel Andrieff Shot.

LONDON, January 10.

Colonel Andrieff, the chief of police in
Lodz was shot dead in the streets of Lodz
yesterday. The patrol relayed wounding
several of the passers by but the assassin
escaped.

Pavlov's Murderer.

LONDON, January 10.

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honor, confers peerages, but the (rit of the House of Lords has just set the Earlom of Norfolk conferred Edward I in 1302 on Thomas de Becon. The Court has decided that Bygod, who had divested himself of Earlom and placed it in the hands of King, had no power to do so, and thus King had no power to confer the di on another. Thus the Earlom falls to Duke of Norfolk, who is spared the annoyance of seeing the same name as by Lord Montbary as by His Grace.

Certain constituents of Mr I (Thurst), have written, to the Speaker prove that the Editor of the Financial is not a fit and proper person to c Parliament, indeed that he is no slip customer. That he should not be anywhere where money is under discussion. Thy Times backs them strongly. O

certain judges had unkind things of his consultations have proved their falsity returning him twice with large majorities and that the *Antislavery Times* made it tight him (as the *Standard* said) and again now; is due to his absence in 1864 of its very states deal in an encyclopedia. I am inclined to *Arden's* ambo. Neither of the counts has a dazzling white record. Let fight it out.

**SEPARS WHEEL OF CHAMBERLAIN
COUGH REMEDY.**

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